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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND TERMS SYMBOLS AND ARREVIATIONS

		SOIL AND ROCK I	LEGEND, TERMS,	, SYMBOLS,	AND ABBREVI	IATIONS	
SOIL DESCRIPTION	SOIL DESCRIPTION GRADATION			ROCK DESCRIPTION			TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WELL GRADED INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE UNIFORM INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO			E TO COARSE IZE. (ALSO	HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. AN INFERRED ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL.			ALLUYIUM (ALLUY.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER.
WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN 100 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO 1206, ASTM D-1586), SOIL CAP-GRADED INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES.			1	SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS. IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE			AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND.
CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH	ANGULARITY OF GRAINS			OF WEATHERED ROCK. ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS:			ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS,
AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, MOST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A7-6	THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL G SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.	GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS;		WEATHERED	NON-COASTAL P	PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS	OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.
SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION		LOGICAL COMPOSITION		ROCK (WR)	PER FOOT.	E GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT	ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO DR ABOVE THE
GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIALS SILT-CLAY MATERIALS ORGANIC MATERIA	MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELOSPAF	R. MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN	DESCRIPTIONS	CRYSTALLINE ROCK (CR)		PT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE,	GROUND SURFACE.
CLASS. (35% PASSING #200) (>85% PASSING #200)	WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIF			NON-CRYSTALLINE	FINE TO COARS	E GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN	CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM
CROUP A-1 A-3 A-2 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-5 CLASS. A-1 A-1-6 A-1-b A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-1-6 A-7-8 A-3 A-6, A-7	SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE	COMPRESSIBILITY LIQUID LIMIT LESS TH	HAN 30	ROCK (NCR)	INCLUDES PHYLI	OCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE LITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.	OF SLOPE.
SYMBOL GOOODBOOOD	MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE	LIQUID LIMIT 31-50 LIQUID LIMIT GREATER	R THAN 50	COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK	SPT REFUSAL, F	SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED	CDRE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
7. PASSING	VAXAAAAA	ENTAGE OF MATERIAL		(CP)	SHELL BEDS, ET	c. ATHERING	DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT
* 10 50 MX GRANULAR CLAY	JCK, ORGANIC MATERIAL GRANULAR SOILS	SILT- CLAY SOILS OTHER N	MATERIAL	EDECH BOOK E		JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER	ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.
# 200 15 MX 25 MX 10 MX 35 MX 35 MX 35 MX 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN	TRACE OF ORGANIC MATTER 2 - 3%	3 - 5% TRACE	1 - 10%		I IF CRYSTALLINE.	DOINTS WHI SHOW SEIGHT STHEMENG, NOCK KINGS UNDER	DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.
LIQUID LIMIT 48 MX41 MN 48 MX41 MN 48 MX 41 MN 48 MX 41 MN SOILS WITH	LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER 3 - 5% MODERATELY ORGANIC 5 - 10%	5 - 12% LITTLE 12 - 20% SOME	20 - 35%			NED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN, ICE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF	DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF
PLASTIC INDEX 6 MX N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN LITTLE OR	HLY HIGHLY DRGANIC >10%		35% AND ABOVE		LS UN A BRUKEN SPECIMEN FA RYSTALLINE NATURE.	TAME DISTORTER NOON REPORT PROPERTY BLUWS IF	THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. FAULT' - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE
AMOUNTS OF	SANIC WATER LEVEL IN BOIL	GROUND WATER $oxtimes$ water level in bore hole immediately after drilling.				NED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO LAY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR	SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.
OF MAJOR GRAVEL AND SAND SAND SAND SAND SAND SAND SAND	_	THE HULE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING		CRYSTA	LS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED	D. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS.	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.
MATERIALS SAND GEN. RATING FAIR TO	<u></u>		[]	MODERATE SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN (MOD.) GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY. ROCK HAS			FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL.
AS A EXCELLENT TO GOOD FAIR TO POOR POOR POOR POOR POOR POOR POOR				DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED WITH FRESH ROCK.			FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY
SUBGRADE	SPRING OR SEEPAGE		,	MODERATELY ALL RO	CK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORE	D OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL	THE STREAM.
CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS RANGE OF STANDARD RANGE OF UNCONFIL		ELLANEOUS SYMBOLS				OW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH .OGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES 'CLUNK' SOUND WHEN STRUCK.	FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD.
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE COMPACTNESS OR PENETRATION RESISTENCE COMPRESSIVE STRE		OPT OMT TEST BORING	SAMPLE	IF TEST	TED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSA	<u>.</u>	JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.
VERY LODGE (4		AU050 0007NG	1			RED OR STAINED.ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUC MANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME	LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO
GRANII AR LOOSE 4 TO 10	SOIL SYMBOL		S- BULK SAMPLE	EXTENT	. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG TED. YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 1	ROCK USUALLY REMAIN.	ITS LATERAL EXTENT. LENS - A BODY OF SDIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS.
MATERIAL MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30 (V.F. 10 TO 30 (V.F. 10 TO 50)	ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS	CORE BORING SS	S- SPLIT SPOON SAMPLE	VERY SEVERE ALL RO	CK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORE	D OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT	MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN
VERT DENSE >50	INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES	- kg		(V. SEV.) THE MA	SS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED	TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK E OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MINOR	SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE. PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN
VERY SOFT <2 <0.25 GENERALLY SOFT 2 TO 4 0.25 TO 0.5	STETTE INFERRED ROCK LINE	MONITORING WELL RS	S- ROCK SAMPLE			BRIC REMAIN. IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF	INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.
SILT-CLAY MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 0.5 TO 1 MATERIAL STIFF 8 TO 15 1 TO 2	TTTTT ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDARY	△ PIEZOMETER RI	T- RECOMPACTED			NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS	RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.
(COHESIVE) VERY STIFF 15 TO 30 2 TO 4 HARD >30 >4	25/025 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF	SLOPE INDICATOR INSTALLATION CE	TRIAXIAL SAMPLE		N EXAMPLE.		ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESENTAGE.
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE HARD 7300 74 725/0825 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE			on - CON SHIFLE	ROCK HARDNESS			EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270				VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK.			PARENT ROCK.
DPENING (MM) 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053		ABBREVIATIONS		HARD CAN B	E SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PI	CK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY. HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED	SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL
BOULDER COBBLE GRAVEL SAND SAND	AV	HSA - HOLLOW STEM AUGER	W - MOISTURE CONTENT		TACH HAND SPECIMEN.	CK. GDUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.025 INCHES DEEP CAN BE	TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS
(BLDR.) (COB.) (GR.) (CSE. SD.) (F. SD.) (SL.)	BT - BORING TERMINATED	MED MEDIUM MIC MICACEOUS	V VERY VST - VANE SHEAR TEST	HARD EXCAV	ATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GE	OLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED	SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR SLIP PLANE.
GRAIN MM 305 75 2.0 0.25 0.05 0.005 SIZE IN 12* 3*	CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST	NGWE - NO GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED N/M - NOT MEASURED	WOH - WEIGHT OF HAMMER		DERATE BLOWS. E GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 I	NCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT.	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF
Size In. 12 COST MOISTURE CORRELATION OF TERMS				HARD CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES 1 INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK.			A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER. SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE GESCRIPTION DMT - DULATOMETER TEST SU SILT, SILTY		SL SILT, SILTY		SOFT CAN B	E GROVED OR GOUGED READILY	BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS	WITH 60 BLOWS.
(ATTERBERG LIMITS) DESCRIPTION	e - VOID RATIO	SLI SLIGHTLY TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL		FROM		SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT. SMALL, THIN	STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
- SATURATED - USUALLY LIQUID; VERY WET, USUA (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER	NOI E FUSS FUSSILIFERUUS	7 - UNIT WEIGHT		VERY CAN B	E CARVED WITH KNIFE. CAN BE	EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK. PIECES 1 INCH	STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.O.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE
LL_ LIQUIO LIMIT	FRAC FRACTURED FRAGS FRAGMENTS				RE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BRO RNAIL.	KEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY	TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
PLASTIC SEMISOLID; REQUIRES DRYING TO ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE		USED ON SUBJECT PROJE	CT		IRE SPACING	BEDDING	TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
(PI) PL PLASTIC LIMIT			MER TYPE:	TERM	SPACING	TERM THICKNESS VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET	BENCH MARK: #1: BL-102 @ 14+72.79, 13.67 LT -L- ELEV. = 611.74 FT
DM OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - (M) SOLID: AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MO	TURE	NG TOOLS:	AUTOMATIC MANUAL	VERY WIDE WIDE	MORE THAN 10 FEET 3 TO 10 FEET	THICKLY BEDDED 1.5 - 4 FEET	#2: B-3696-1 @ 20+63.59, 13.61 LT -L- ELEV. = 595.34 FT ELEVATION: SEE ABOVE
SL SHRINKAGE LIMIT	MOBILE B	AY BITS		MODERATELY CLOS		THINLY BEDDED 0.16 - 1.5 FEET VERY THINLY BEDDED 0.03 - 0.16 FEET	
- DRY - (D) REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO		į.	SIZE:	CLOSE VERY CLOSE	LESS THAN 0.16 FEET	THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET THINLY LAMINATED < 0.008 FEET	NOTES:
PLASTICITY			-B		INC	DURATION	
PLHSTICITY PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STRENGTH		1		FOR SEDIMENTARY ROO	CKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDE	NING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.	
NONPLASTIC Ø-5 YERY LOW	X CMC SEG	THE THE ADVANCED L	-н <u>о</u>	FRIABLE		G WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS: BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE.	
LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 SLIGHT MED. PLASTICITY 16-25 MEDIUM	L CAS	HAND	D TOOLS:		CHATAGO	CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE;	
HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH	1 1		POST HOLE DIGGER HAND AUGER	MODERATEL		EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER.	
COLOR	OTHER CME-55 TM	CONE * TUNGCARB.	SOUNDING ROD	INDURATED		ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE;	
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRA		RE BIT	VANE SHEAR TEST	FUTBELLE:		JLT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER. HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE:	
MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE.	OTHER OTH		OTHER	EXTREMELY		E BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	
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